



Regions at Risk from Landslides

☐ LANDSLIDE AND MUDFLOW

Description

A *landslide* is the movement of unstable soil and rocks down the side of a slope.

A *mudflow* is a mixture of soil and water that runs like a river of mud down a hillside. It usually is generated by heavy rainfall.

☐ **Related Hazards**

Landslides can create large crevasses and reroute streams and rivers causing *flash floods*. Also, fires may break out in damaged structures.

Geographical Considerations

Landslides occur in every State. However, the major landslides occur along the West Coast, the western slope of the Rockies, the central Mississippi Valley, and the Appalachian Region.